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Public Hearing on 794 Lake Parkway

WHAT: Public Hearing on the Possible Recommendation to Include Lake

Parkway (STH 794) in the Regional Transportation Plan

DATE: Wednesday, February 29, 2012

TIME: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15th Avenue, South

Milwaukee, WI (accessible via Route 52)

I invite the public to learn about a study to extend Lake Parkway (State Trunk Highway 794) and weigh in on a recommendation to include the extension in the regional transportation plan.

The Advisory and Technical Committees on the Lake Parkway (STH 794) Extension Study, along with Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission staff, have analyzed the extension of Lake Parkway to Highway 100 in Oak Creek. I chair the Advisory Committee. Our initial recommendations encompass a potential <u>footprint</u>, crossings, ramp treatments and other elements for the extension. We now wish to receive feedback from the community on these initial recommendations.

Residents may attend an informational meeting and public hearing on February 29 in South Milwaukee. From 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., they may view maps and other displays and ask questions of staff in an open house format. At 6:30 p.m., the meeting commences and includes a presentation of the analysis and recommendations. The committee will respond to written questions submitted by audience members.

From February 15, 2012, to March 15, 2012, the public may submit comments regarding the Lake Parkway (STH 794) Extension Study and the possible recommendation to include the extension in the regional transportation plan. There are several opportunities to participate in this 30-day comment period.

Oral comments:

- Provide oral comments to a court reporter in the lobby during the February 29 meeting

Written comments:

- Send via mail to Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188-1113
- Submit on the website www.sewrpc.org/LakeParkway
- Submit to staff at the February 29 meeting

Transit Changes

Bus routes in the South Shore have changed. The western branch of Route 15 has become a separate route, the <u>Route 52</u> Clement-15th Avenue. <u>Route 15</u> now travels through Riverwest instead of via Oakland Avenue. A new <u>MetroEXpress Green Line</u> operates from the Airport to Bayshore Mall past UW-Milwaukee. Details about the changes are posted <u>here</u>.

You can find schedules, maps and a trip planner at www.ridemcts.com. Please contact my office if you have any concerns or need help in planning your commute.

Wait Lists Grow as Governor is Ordered to Remove Caps on Family Care

I promised to monitor the wait lists for Milwaukee County in Family Care after the State budget created a cap in enrollment without obtaining waivers from the federal Medicaid administration. 675 frail elders and 1,539 people with disabilities in Milwaukee County are now paying the price. As of early January, the growing wait list for the elderly is at 675. The wait list for the disabled in Milwaukee County now stands at 1,539. Governor Scott Walker has been ordered to remove the cap his administration created.

Family Care saves money by permitting elderly and disabled residents to obtain community services that are less costly than enrollment in a nursing home. These citizens now have no choice to avoid placement in costly nursing homes, even when they could function with a lower level of supportive care.

To be clear, the State budget is being balanced on the backs of the elderly and disabled. The people of our State deserve better than this. I call on our State government to eliminate this waiting list by removing the enrollment cap and getting back to the promises of the Family Care program. Specifically, our State legislators should support Senate Bill 380 and Assembly Bill 477 to lift caps on Family Care.

My office will continue to document the wait list numbers until our State complies with the federal requirements that govern Family Care. This innovative and nationally-recognized program was developed during the Tommy Thompson administration. When Walker recently announced he would lift the caps on Family Care, it was in effect announcing that he was putting out the house fire that he himself had started.

Parks Updates

I met with Sue Black, Director of Parks, for the sole purpose of getting an update on projects for our South Shore parks. My office has now secured the funding for Seven Bridges restoration. I am informed that Graef was the successful bidder. This work will begin in March and hopefully end this Spring. Grant Park will also have some roads repaved.

Greene Park continues to benefit from the implementation of the master plan as presented to the City of St. Francis. This includes the installation of tennis and basketball courts, repaying of the parking lot and upgrading of the ball diamonds.

Audit of Sheriff's Department

I sponsored a resolution calling for an audit of the Sheriff's Department. The audit specifically looks to obtain information on how savings realized by programs instituted in the courts which divert individuals from expensive stays at the House of Correction

or Jail are being redistributed by the Sheriff for other programming. It will also review the use of forfeiture money realized in the Sheriff's department through drug seizures and other initiatives. I have been concerned by the growing litigation resulting from this Department. Currently there are four court cases against the Sheriff instituted by either deputies or the County. At least one of the cases includes outside counsel, an expense that can become significant. I will be looking to the results of this audit before making any comments or criticism of this Department.

Community Calendar

Thursday, February 2 – County Board Meeting, 9:30am At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

Saturday, February 4 - Family FREE Day at the Zoo, 9:30am-4:30pm

All visitors receive free admission. The parking fee remains in effect. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466

Saturday, February 4 – Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana: La Pasión Flamenca, 7:30pm Experience Spanish dance and music with influences from Africa, the Americas and the Middle East. At South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee, 766-5049.

Thursday, February 9 - Grant Park Watch meeting, 6:30pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-7262 www.fogp.org

Thursday, February 9 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm (following Park Watch) At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-0612 www.fogp.org

Tuesday, February 14 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm At Marguette Manor (2409 10th Av. South Milwaukee). 571-1191

Saturday, February 18 - Fasiangy, 6pm-11pm

This Slovak Mardi Gras celebration will include traditional food and bakery and is sponsored by the Wisconsin Slovak Historical Society. \$5 fee. At Knights of Columbus 524 Banquet Center, 3200 S. 103rd Street, Greenfield.

Sunday, February 19 - Wisconsin Slovak Historical Society Winter Meeting

4pm dinner with choice of lasagna or fried chicken for \$10 (please make your reservation by February 13 by calling Anna Trochta at 414-483-6777 or Marillyn Evaska at 414-476-1528 or by emailing wshs@sbcglobal.net

5pm meeting

5:30pm program "Remembering the Stories of Your Life" At Benny's Café, 1234 S. 27th Street, Milwaukee (north of Stein's).

Thursday, February 23 - Liverpool '64 (Beatles Tribute Band), 6:30-9pm

Part of the <u>Music Under Glass</u> series at The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd, Milwaukee. 649-9830. Regular admission applies. Features a special "Lucy in the Sky" light show.

Wednesday, February 29 – Public Hearing on the Proposed Extension of 794 Lake Parkway

6pm: View displays in the lobby (maps, charts, etc.)

6:30pm: Formal presentation, followed by written or verbal comments/questions from the public. At South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee

Wednesday, February 29- Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm

At temporary new location, Aurora South Shore, 5900 S Lake Dr., Cudahy, WI. 414-324-5531

Ongoing:

THE DOMES

Music Under Glass, Thursdays until March 22, 6:30-8:30pm

Enjoy the new lighting of The Domes with light shows at the break and following the concert. At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd, Milwaukee. 649-9830.

Regular admission applies. Check out the schedule of music.



ICE SKATING

At Sheridan Park Lagoon, 4800 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy Bring your own skates. Open weather permitting. Call 257-PARK (7275) or visit this page for current conditions. The red light on top of the flood light at the Lagoon indicates unsafe conditions.

At Red Arrow Park, 920 N. Water St, Milwaukee (accessible via Route 15, www.ridemcts.com)
FREE rink. Skate rental: \$7 (ages 17 and under) or 8 (18+) (includes tax) or bring your own.
Enjoy the adjacent warming house with restrooms and hot beverages! Closed for blizzard, wind chill or cold weather advisories from the National Weather Service. Details: http://county.milwaukee.gov/RedArrow11930.htm

Sheridan Lagoon opens when ice is sufficiently thick.

Skate shelter is open 10am-9pm daily, weather permitting

Red Arrow Rink

February 1 through season close:

Mon-Th: 11am*-8pm *skate rentals start at 2pm Fri-Sat: 11am-11pm Sun: 11am-6pm